

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 04, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the regular meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:01 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Al Losey
Edward Lockhart
Eugene Pondo, III
Marian Russell

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Absent:

Ronda Ashley

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Visitors:

Bill Dincher
Ralph O'Bryan
Ardis O'Bryan
Karen Flynn
Patrick Johnson
Donna Blend

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 04, 2002 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Marian Russell read a letter of complaint, submitted by Ardis O'Bryan, pertaining to school kids waiting for the school bus and the rowdiness and property damage that are present. Pictures were passed around. Al Losey suggested we check with the school board and ask if sign could be changed to another location. We will send a letter to Mrs. O'Bryan when we hear something back.

Patrick Johnson was present to answer any questions pertaining to the business and sign he wants to have at his place of residence. Marian Russell mentioned she talked to Bob Burket, who is the property owner, and he will be contacting Mr. Johnson. Some of the problems are: the location of the signs, complaints about the condition of the property. The procedure for applying for a permit was explained to Mr. Johnson.

COMMUNICATIONS

Eugene Pondo made a motion to accept Ronda Ashley's resignation and seconded by Mildred Bliss.

William Dincher gave some background information on himself and stated he was interested in filling the vacant seat in Council. Motion was made by Al Losey to accept Bill Dincher to council, seconded by Melvin Davis. Mildred Bliss, Marian Russell, and Gene Pondo were in favor. Ed Lockhart sustained. It was agreed to wait and swear him in next month and to check with PSAB as to the qualifications that are required to be a council member.

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gene Pondo made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Al Losey. All in favor none opposed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to be approved: PPL \$127.94, Borough Guide to Grants 18.00, grant total \$4,509.44 Mildred Bliss made a motion to approve bills with the additions and seconded by Ed Lockhart. Al Losey made a motion to pre-approve a check for lodging for Walt Beach, a class on breathalyzers, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All in favor none opposed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor, Bryce Taft, gave the Mayor's Report.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

A. Library

Motion was made by Mildred Bliss to contact insurance company to raise the amount of insurance to cover the contents per the inventory. Seconded by Gene Pondo, all were in favor, none opposed.

B. Building Enforcement/ Zoning Officer

Al spoke with officer from Mansfield and he might be interested in doing our permits for us but they will be more costly.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

Melvin will check the signs and see which ones need to be repaired or replaced.

October 2001 minutes stated we would put signs on the north side of Academy Street. The signs will state " No parking from 10PM – 6AM" and "No parking from here to corner". Since this has not been done, Marian asked that Melvin or Al check if we have any of these signs before the next meeting.

Stop sign on Academy Street is to be moved to the other side of the sidewalk.

Walt Beach mentioned sidewalks with overgrown grass and dirt needs to be addressed. Marian Russell will include that in next month's meeting when she addresses blowing grass into the streets.

There was a discussion on a 5-10 year plan put in place for major street repairs. Work needs to be done every year or two depending on what the budget allows. It was agreed on to start with Academy Street. Al and Melvin will have someone look at the street and see what has to be done.

Walt mentioned re-doing permit applications for businesses that are tearing up the shoulder of the road with extra traffic to there business. They should reinforce the sidewalk or have a paved entrance. It was suggested to review the ordinance.

D. Building and Recreation

Ed Lockhart and Gene Pondo met with the fire department and they are willing to demolish the building (estimated at \$60-70,000) for a free title to the lot. Ed thought this was a good deal. He also wants to check with the surrounding boroughs and get some input from them. Ed will contact the solicitor for a meeting to answer questions.

Gene Pondo made a motion to have the lots surveyed, seconded by Al Losey. All were in favor no one was opposed.

Walt mentioned a ride at the park should be anchored and put back on the block.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

None

F. Personnel and Appointment

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SDS is requesting an increase of \$1.00 a month for trash pickup and \$.50 for seniors. Mildred Bliss made a motion to extend the current contract for two years with the increase, seconded by Ed Lockhart. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea except Gene Pondo who voted no.

Re-codification- committee will meet with solicitor for some specifics. Al will check into hiring the Mansfield Zoning Officer to look at our code book.

Burrows property- Atty. Smith, Burrows attorney, is requesting Bill Lusk meet with him at Burrows property. He would like Bill to point out the things not in compliance. Bill Lusk requested that Walt Beach be present at this meeting. Secretary will contact Atty. Stokes to be present for this meeting also.

Davis property- There was a public meeting held about a zoning change for a portion of property on Cowanesque Street. The parcel of land is currently zones commercial and the request is to change this to residential on the eastern part of the land. There were no descending opinions about the request; however, there was a concern

voiced about the remaining parcel, which extends from the ditch to the Borough line. Al Losey made a motion to accept the zoning change, seconded by Gene Pondo. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea.

June Association Meeting- Mildred Bliss asked for any good ideas for a speaker.

US Steel-Corporation Stocks- This was been taken care of. The new stocks are in our possession.

Roadrunner hookup for library- Marian spoke with Time Warner and they will provide this service for free as long as we don't mind having an aerial hookup and this was agreed on.

DCED- Al Losey will send report in.

Mill Street property- Patrick Johnson was sent a certified letter requesting him, for the second time, to clean up the property. This was tabled for next month.

Elkland Soft Ball Team- Al Losey has the dates when they would be using the field. Also, the coach has offered for the girls to groom the field.

NEW BUSINESS

Gene Pondo made a motion to make a resolution to change the Authority members from seven to five, seconded by Al Losey. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea.

Karen Flynn mentioned several grades are required to do community services for the marking period. If we have a list of things to be done, we can contact the school for help.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:17 PM by Al Losey and seconded by Gene Pondo. All were in favor no one was opposed.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:
Darcy Wood

